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TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Organizing Hierarchical Plates in Virtual Space

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

Please make the following changes before examining the patent application identified above.

In the Claims:

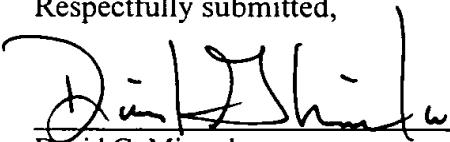


Please cancel claims 13, 14 and 23-40 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the present Amendment. The Amendment cancels all claims in excess of those included in the basic filing fee and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce the canceled claims at a later date by filing another amendment and paying the required fees. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request early favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,



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